

RUSHVILLE CITY COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2002
6:00 P.M.

The Rushville City Common Council met on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Bridges called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m., with Bill Goins, Darrin McGowan, Brian Sheehan, and Mike Pavey answering roll call. Councilman Byrne was not present. Also present were City Attorney, Julie Newhouse, Jan Voiles, *Rushville Republican*, and Scott Murray, WKWH.

MINUTES * * *

Minutes of the November 4, 2002 meeting were presented for approval. Goins made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT * * *

Mayor Bridges reported the following:

- Bridges reported that the City profited a little over \$1,400.00 at the auction.
- Thanked those who participated in the Veteran's Day celebration. Moster & Cox donated two bronze plaques to commemorate September 11. They are on display at the Veteran's Memorial Bridge and at the Rushville Fire Department.
- John Norris, owner of Clearview Christmas Tree Farm donated a permanent tree for the Wilkie Park.
- The Heart of Rushville and the Chamber will have its annual Christmas kick-off this weekend.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS * * *

Police – Chief Fudge informed Council that he had received the resignation of Sgt. Larry Copley. With an effective date of December 9, 2002.

Fire – Chief Clark informed the Board that it has been discovered that the new fire truck has oil in the radiator. It is being worked on and is under warranty.

CITIZEN'S CONCERNS * * *

Scott Murray asked if the City intended to have a celebration to honor Tony Stewart. Bridges stated that he had made some phone calls regarding this. Goins made a motion for Councilman Sheehan and Murray to form a committee to do something to honor Stewart. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tony Fudge received a complaint from Judy Meal concerning the entrance to Sugar Hill Addition. The shrubs are overgrown and it is difficult to see traffic. Bridges suggested the safety committee take a look at the situation.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS * * *

Approval of Contracts with Regard to Annexation for Legal, Engineering, and Fiscal Planning Services – Julie Newhouse presented applications with the Rural Development for grant money for the Circleville annexation. The contracts would be with Crowe Chizek, Barnes & Thornburg, Newhouse & Newhouse, and M.D. Wessler. Sheehan made a motion to approve the application for contracts with the Rural Development subject to Newhouse & Newhouse further reviewing the numbers and bidding out the construction. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Park Restaurant Lease – Sheehan made a motion to direct the Board of Works to sign the 10 year lease for the Park Restaurant. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

RFP's for Comprehensive Plan for Zoning and Sub Division Control Ordinances – Sheehan made a motion to move forward with the RFP's for the creation of the comprehensive plan and the creation of zoning & subdivision control ordinances. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS * * *

Martha Yorn Estate Settlement – Charles Farthing purchased the Yorn property at tax sale for \$1,203.70. He has offered a settlement to the City in the sum of \$2,500.00. Goins made a motion to accept Farthing's offer. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

B & B Metal Lien Release – Goins made a motion to release the lien on the B & B Metal property. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Goins then made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement to transfer the property to the County and then to the ECDC. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Fiber Optics Contract – Bridges said the Commissioners approved the Fiber Optics Contract with the changes earlier discussed. Council passed the contract at the last meeting and signed the final copy at this meeting.

Front End Loader – Bennett said he is going to need to replace the front end loader. The cost will be approximately \$85,000.00 - \$95,000.00. He is also having problems with the backhoe and may need to replace that also. Sheehan moved to have Bennett get bid specs for the loader and the backhoe. Goins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Vacate Alley 600 Block East 8th Street – Bridges stated that he has been notified that someone is wanting to have the alley in the 600 block of East 8th Street vacated. They will be Petitioning the Area Plan to vacate.

Friday After Thanksgiving – Bridges said he had been asked if the Friday after Thanksgiving was considered a holiday. It was the consensus of Council that the handbook did not designate that Friday as a holiday, but if Department Heads wished to allow their department to be off that day then they would have to take a vacation day or personal day.

Ivy Tech - Councilman Goins offered his thanks to the Mayor and others for their support of Ivy Tech. He said they will be building a new 17 million-dollar campus in Richmond.

Claims Approval – Goins moved to approve the claims as presented. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before Council, Goins made a motion to adjourn. McGowan seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

ROBERT M. BRIDGES, MAYOR

WILLIAM R. GOINS, MEMBER

DARRIN L. MCGOWAN, MEMBER

BRIAN J. SHEEHAN, MEMBER

JOHN M. BYRNE, MEMBER

MICHAEL P. PAVEY, MEMBER

ATTEST:

ANN L. COPLEY, CLERK-TREASURER